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SUBJ: ICAO--EGYPT REQUEST FOR ISRAEL CONDEMNATION REGARDING USE
JERUSALEM AIRPORT (ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A-21-7, CWP 6204)

REF: A. STATE 152526

B. MONTREAL 1077

1. ISRAELI CONGEN CALLED ON USREP FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION STATUS OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL. UTILIZING USDEL POSITION 21ST ASSEMBLY AND REFTEL A, USREP POINTED OUT THAT SUBJECT ON COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM FALL SESSION, BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER. CONGEN ASKED IF HE SHOULD START WORKING WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS. USREP SUGGESTED IT IS MUCH TOO EARLY AND THAT MATTER COULD BE AFFECTED BY OVERALL MIDDLE EAST TALKS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. CONGEN SHOWED USREP DRAFT PAPER WHICH ISRAEL WILL PRESENT ON THIS SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH CONGEN SAID HE HAD PREPARED PAPER HIMSELF, HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE PRESENTED IN WASHINGTON THROUGH EMBASSY. (FYI: USREP NOT CLEAR ABOUT TIMING OF PRESENTATION.) PAPER REFERS AND RELIES HEAVILY
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ON MAJOR POINTS IN U.S. STATEMENT AT ASSEMBLY.

2. AT END OF DISCUSSION, CONGEN TOLD USREP THAT HE "UNDERSTANDS" THAT PLO "WILL BE WITH US" AS OBSERVERS IN ICAO THIS FALL AND ASKED WHAT USREP KNEW ABOUT THIS. REFERRING GENERALLY TO ASSEMBLY DECISION TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ONLY WHEN RECOGNIZED BY OAU AND THE ARAB LEAGUE, USREP INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN NO MENTION, RUMOR OR OTHERWISE, OF A REACTIVATION OF THIS PROBLEM AREA.

3. FYI: DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COUNCIL USREP ASKED IF HE WAS AWARE OF ANY POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS THIS FALL AND HE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT COUNCIL POINTED OUT THAT DIPCONF CONVENES NEXT WEEK WHICH WOULD AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO ADD ITEM ON AGENDA RE PLO OBSERVER STATUS FOR CONFERENCE. USREP ASKED WHEN HE PLANNED TO PUT EGYPTIAN PAPER ON JERUSALEM AIRPORT BEFORE COUNCIL. THERE WILL BE THREE OR FOUR EARLY COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING COMMITTEE PHASE IN OCTOBER. HE ANTICIPATES SCHEDULING THIS ITEM AND TWO OR THREE OTHERS LEFT OVER LAST SESSION BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND 15. RE JERUSALEM AIRPORT QUESTION HE ASKED USREP TO SUGGEST TO DEPARTMENT THAT US CONSIDER ASKING EGYPT TO WITHDRAW PAPER OR MORE PRACTICALLY TO REQUEST INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION. USREP SUGGESTS THAT IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, EGYPTIAN COUNCIL REP COULD BE APPROACHED PRELIMINARILY IN ICAO. IF MIDDLE EAST AGREEMENT ACHIEVED, CLIMATE WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY FAVORABLE. IF STILL PENDING, EQUALLY GOOD REASON WOULD EXIST FOR NOT RAISING THIS AIRPORT PROBLEM.

4. USREP REQUESTS GUIDANCE.
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